

THE SHELTON CHRONICLE

a newsletter for faculty and staff

Harrison Family

Honored

Shelton State recently dedicated the Rickey B. Harrison Conference Room located off the president's office.

"We are happy to have dedicated the Rickey B. Harrison Family Conference Room in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Harrison. Their leadership in our community has touched many lives and their loyal support of Shelton State has been wonderful," said President Tom Umphrey.

Harrison, who has been a member of the Shelton State Foundation Board of Directors for many years, served as president of the organization and has been active in his support of the college.

"Our family is happy to

provide financial support to Shelton State for the presidential conference room. "My family has known Dr. Umphrey and his family for many years and we greatly admire and respect the job he has done. He has taken Shelton State from humble beginnings to an outstanding campus complex," Harrison said.

"Having served on the Shelton State Foundation Board and being involved in the new campus construction, I am indebted to this institution and its employees and wish them much success in the future as Shelton State continues to grow and prosper," Harrison added.

CHINESE ARTIST EXHIBITS AT SHELTON

INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED CHINESE ARTIST EXHIBITS AT SHELTON STATE

Chinese artist Jie Ruan, recognized by many U.S. and Chinese art experts as one of the finest contemporary young artists from mainland China, is currently exhibiting his work in the National Bank of Commerce Art Gallery at Shelton State

through Wednesday, November 24.

His oil paintings have been exhibited in dozens of solo and group exhibitions in several countries, including China, Japan, Hong Kong and the United States. Ruan's paintings have been published in many art journals and have received international acclaim by many art critics. Ruan's original works are in the permanent collection of the Shanghai Art Museum in Shanghai, China, and the Pacific Asian Museum in Pasadena, California.

Ruan, who now lives in Montgomery, AL., graduated from the well-known Zhejiang Academy of Fine Arts in 1985 and received a masters of fine art in painting from the San Francisco Art Institute in 1993. He is currently a member of the All China Artists Association, the Shanghai Artists Association and the Oriental Oil Painting Research Society under the Jiansu International Culture Exchange Center.

The greatest honor of Ruan's career came when he was appointed to work as a professional artist at the Shanghai Oil Painting and Sculpture Institute, the most prestigious art institute in China. Founded in 1965, the Research Institute assembles the artistic elite in China who have received

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critical acclaim both at home and abroad and who have proven through their exemplary achievements their place in the history of contemporary Chinese Fine Art.

Ruan's work received the "Work of Excellence" award in 1988 and 1990 at the Biennial Exhibition of Shanghai Young Artists. His unique style drew international attention with his selection as one of the first artists requested to participate in The First Chinese Art Seminar and concurrent exhibition, "Chinese Art Meets West," held in San Diego in 1991, and in Miami, Florida, in 1992.

Shelton Readies for Homecoming TWELVE

Shelton State students are nominated for the 1999 Homecoming Queen. The five finalists will be recognized on Monday, November 1, at 1 p.m. in the atrium.

Students will then elect the queen by popular vote. Students on the Fredd Campus will vote on Monday afternoon while students on the Martin Campus will vote Tuesday and Wednesday. The queen will be crowned Thursday evening during half-time of the men's basketball game. The crown will be worn by the homecoming queen compliments of Hudson Poole Jewelers.

Nominees for homecoming queen are: Diana Biggs, Greensboro; Angela Stripling, Gordo; Jessica Lynn Smith, Tuscaloosa; Cynthia

Powell, Tuscaloosa; Cindy Martin, McCalla; Kelly Moore, Tuscaloosa; Kimberly Cockrell, Northport; Mellissa Kay Hall, Tuscaloosa; Samantha Hastings, Tuscaloosa; Clarissa Hood, Northport; Brandy Owens, Tuscaloosa; and Kimberly Bright, West Blockton.

On Tuesday, November 2, retirees of the college along with members of the faculty and staff are invited to a luncheon which will be held in the food court area of the college from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. The luncheon will be followed by a Bach to Rock concert at 1 p.m. that will be held in the atrium area.

At 1 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3, a pep rally will be held outside the atrium beginning at 1 p.m. Food and drinks will be for sale.

A number of events are planned for Thursday, Nov. 4. Fitness classes from Shelton's Wellness Center will hold exercise demonstrations in the atrium during the day.

The highlight of the week will be on Thursday when the men's and women's basketball teams will play Gadsden State beginning at 5 p.m. in the Shelton gymnasium. The 1999 Homecoming Queen and her court will be introduced at halftime of the men's game. The Shelton State Alumni Association will sell hamburgers, hotdogs, and soft drinks during the evening.

Following the game, the college will light its traditional bonfire, and music will complete the events of the day.

On Saturday and Sunday, November 6 and 7, the Shelton Singers will hold their 20th anniversary reunion and concert. The reunion will be from 9 a.m. - noon on Saturday, and the concert

will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the recital hall.

FACES 'N PLACES

*Congratulations to Bill Aldridge. The United Way of West Alabama recently awarded him the Chairman's Award for his efforts on behalf of the United Way. What a good cause and what a good person!

*Lots of Kudos to people on campus:

To Chuck Boening, his committee, and the Quality Council for their work on Quality Month(October);

To Debbie Grimes for coordinating such a successful event during "One America Week." Great crowd in attendance. Really made everyone think. We need to do more of this!

To the Shelton State Alumni Association for their recent membership party at the University Club. Over 50 people attended. If you haven't yet joined this group, you may want to. It's well worth the \$15 a year dues!

To Theatre Tuscaloosa and their production of DRACULA. It was a great way to celebrate Halloween.

To everyone who has worked so hard on Homecoming. It's going to be a wonderful week.

To the golf team, coaches and everyone else who were part of winning the national championship. They're a great bunch of guys.

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